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* THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The object of this Bill is that once all the estates are taken over by the Government, the forests in those estates will be governed by the existing Forest Act applicable to any other area in the Province. It has been mentioned by my Hon. Colleague, the Minister for Law, that this is only a temporary measure, and after a certain period, it is intended to have a uniform Act applicable to all the forests in the Province. When the forests in the estates come under Government they will be governed by the existing Forest Laws. Now there are different sets of rules for different areas. It is, therefore, proposed to have a uniform set of rules for all areas to guide us in the matter of preservation and exploitation of forests."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once '."

The motion was carried.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Bill*, 1949 (*L.A. Bill No*. 30 *of* 1949), *be passed into law* '."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1949), be passed into law '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(6) THE MADRAS JUTE GOODS CONTROL BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 31 OF 1949).

* THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Jute Goods Control Bill*, 1949 (*L.A. Bill No*. 31 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once*.'

This relates to the last of the Ordinances which remain to be passed into law. Sir, this Ordinance was issued on the 5th November 1949, though the Assembly was to meet on 7th November. The reasons for the issue of the Ordinance in such circumstances were the devaluation of the sterling and certain consequential action taken by the Government of Pakistan and also the conclusion of a contract entered into by the Government of India with the

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Government of Argentine on the basis of a barter. As the arrangement was to exchange jute for rice from Argentine the Government of India had to control production, supply and distribution of jute throughout the Indian Dominion. The Government of India desired that a uniform policy be followed and simultaneous action taken by all provinces in this connexion. They also wanted that action should be taken on the same day and that a common Jute Controller be appointed at once. As the Jute Controller had to be appointed by the provinces concerned they suggested on the 4th November that one Mr. Walker might be appointed to the post so that there will be concerted action in this regard. We, therefore, issued the Orinance on the 5th November 1949 making provision, among other things, for the appointment of a Jute Controller. The emergency was that the Government of India had to satisfy the Argentine Government in regard to India's commitments."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Motion moved—

' that the Madras Jute Goods Control Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 31 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once '."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I enquire, Sir, whether the Government have any plan or are taking steps for the production of jute in this Province ? "

* THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, Sir. The Indian Union is very deficient in jute, the major portion being cultivated in Pakistan. Steps are being taken to make India not only self-sufficient in jute but to produce more for export also. Last year, an expert from the Government of India came and went round several places in this Province where jute could be grown successfully without detriment to food crops. Certain areas were marked and experiments in jute cultivation are being carried out in these places."

The motion was carried.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Jute Goods Control Bill,* 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 31 *of* 1949), *be passed into law* '."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that the Madras Jute Goods Control Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 31 of 1949), be passed into law'."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.